

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS
FOURTH DIVISION

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COY PHELPS

Petitioner

-v-

DAVID WINN, et. al.

Respondent(s)

Case No: 4:05-cv-40003-GAO

MOTION TO SUBMIT NEW INFORMATION
ON THE ABOVE CASE

The above Petitioner (Phelps) request permission of the court to submit newly acquired information¹ which may affect the analysis of the above case.

BACKGROUND

Phelps is a federal insanity acquittee who was found not guilty by reason of insanity, by a jury, in July of 1986.

18 USC §4243(c) require a hearing to take place, no later than forty days after the verdict, to determine if the insanity was temporary or if it continues to exist. If the insanity continues to exist, then under 18 USC 4243(e) the acquittee is placed into the custody of the U.S. Attorney General.

PRESENTATION

Phelps had always believed that he had been lawfully placed into the custody of the U.S. Attorney General in a proper CIVIL commitment proceeding.

In the statements (for this case) he has informed the court that the starting point to analyze the claims and issues of the case is to answer the question " Did the U.S. Attorney General misinterpret and misapply the statute and incarcerate Phelps in federal prison?" However, in light of the newly obtained information, the true starting point precedes that question, and

1. Phelps has raised the claim of actual innocence and has demanded a release based upon that claim. He claimed that he was framed by agents of a private corporation who were working jointly with local, state, and federal law enforcement officers in a conspiracy to frame him. In 1992, his claims were confirmed but the federal government still would not release him because of his religion and politics. The private corporation was arrested, pled guilty in state superior court, and paid a money sanction. Phelps sued the private corporation and the agents. The information he received, alluded to in this case, derived from that lawsuit.

the first question to be asked is " Does the U.S. Attorney General have lawful custody of Phelps?" Phelps alleges that he does not, and never has had, because of a legal insufficiency and a procedural violation.

Phelps alleges that he was CRIMINALLY committed and not CIVILLY committed as required by the law. Phelps alleges that the hearing to determine his current mental status was unconstitutional, and improper, because the hearing was an extension of the criminal trial just as a convicted defendant has a sentencing hearing as an extension of his criminal trial. In a sentence hearing, the crime and the nature of the crime, can be used to affect the duration of the sentence. However, Phelps was acquitted so the crime and the nature of the crime could not, lawfully, be considered... but it was. The crime, and the nature of the crime, was presented to the court to establish the level of mental illness. That is plain error. In a CIVIL commitment hearing, the ONLY issue is the level of mental illness. Nothing else is relevant.

18 USC §4246 is instructive in this matter. When a sentenced prisoner, who is incarcerated, is deemed to be too mentally ill to be released to the community, the government may initiate a CIVIL COMMITMENT hearing (which has a separate case docket number to distinguish it from the criminal case) to keep the person in confinement. The crime, or the nature of the crime, cannot be used at the hearing because the prisoner has completed his term of punishment. The ONLY issue is the level of mental illness.

Phelps is similarly positioned in that he cannot be punished because of the not guilty verdict and the sentenced prisoner cannot be punished because of the completion of the sentence. Hence, the requirement for a CIVIL hearing.... distinguished from the criminal case by having a separate civil docket number to signify the CIVIL nature of the action. The sentenced prisoner cannot have a hearing that is an extension of the criminal case.

The same reasoning applies to Phelps. Phelps was acquitted and that verdict necessitated the criminal case to be closed and a new civil case to be opened for a civil commitment proceeding.

This procedure was not followed. Phelps had a CRIMINAL hearing as an extention of the criminal case and not a separate CIVIL hearing as required by the terms of the federal mental health laws.

The attached docket sheets indicate that the case was terminated at the time of the verdict on July 31, 1986(first page-attachment.) Then, on 9/24/86 Judge Peckham signed the commitment order(page 2 of the attachment.) Note that the docket sheet is under the criminal case number. All of the commitment proceedings were extentions of the criminal case and were not true CIVIL proceedings.


Because of the impropriety of the proceedings, there is a legal insufficiency and a procedural violation which require a nullification of the commitment.

However, the legality of the commitment is not the issue in this case. The issue, in this action, is whether the U.S. Attorney General has lawful custody of Phelps through a proper CIVIL COMMITMENT PROCEEDING. If the statute require a CIVIL proceeding, then Phelps is not in lawful custody of the Attorney General because he did not have a CIVIL hearing.

Because of this legal insufficiency, the Attorney General never had lawful custody of Phelps; and because he never had lawful custody, he lacked jurisdiction and authority to do anything; and because he lacked jurisdiction, all the actions he took were unconstitutional and unlawful.

The starting question is " Did Phelps have a CIVIL Commitment hearing?" The next question is "Did the U.S. Attorney General have lawful custody of Phelps?" Then the next question is " Did the Attorney General misinterpret and misapply the federal mental health laws and improperly incarcerated Phelps in federal prison to be treated as a convicted and sentenced prisoner under rules and regulations established for only convicted prisoner?"

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as of 04/03/92 at 8:25 PM

Case Filed: 10/03/85

Judge: JUDGE PECKHAM

Prior Magistrate Number: 85-0776M-01

Defendant:

01 PHELPS, COY RAY

Dft ID: -16097

Defendant terminated: 07/31/86

Terminated counts:
 ILLEGALLY MAKING A FIREARM,
 26:5861(F) (1), ILLEGALLY
 POSSESSING A FIREARM,
 26:5861(D) (2), ATTEMPT TO
 DAMAGE INSTITUTION
 RECEIVING FEDERAL FUNDS,
 18:844(F) (3), ILLEGALLY
 MAKING A FIREARM,
 26:5861(F) (4), ILLEGALLY
 POSSESSING A FIREARM,
 26:5861(D) (5), ATTEMPT TO
 DAMAGE PROPERTY USED IN
 INTERSTATE COMMERCE,
 18:844(I) (6), ILLEGALLY
 MAKING A FIREARM,
 26:5861(F) (7), ILLEGALLY
 POSSESSING A FIREARM,
 26:5861(D) (8), ATTEMPT TO
 DAMAGE PROPERTY USED IN
 INTERSTATE COMMERCE,
 18:844(I) (9), ILLEGALLY
 MAKING A FIREARM,
 26:5861(F) (10), ILLEGALLY
 POSSESSING A FIREARM,
 26:5861(D) (11), ILLEGALLY
 MAKING A FIREARM,
 26:5861(F) (12-13), ATTEMPT
 TO DAMAGE PROPERTY USED IN
 INTERSTATE COMMERCE,
 18:844(I) (14)

Disposition
 Jury verdict-not guilty
 07/31/86 (Counts 1,2,3,4,5,
 6,7,8,9,10,11,12-13,14)
 (ONLY BY REASON OF
 INSANITY). 07/31/86

Offense Level (disposition): NONE

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PROCEEDINGS

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170 18:4243(C)) (JUDGE PECKHAM) (Dkt'd 05/15/87).
Stipulation Filed (STIPULATION AND WAIVER) (Dkt'd 05/15/87).

08/28/86 171 Filed Petition (TO AUTHORIZE LEGAL RESEARCH ASSISTANCE)
(Dkt'd 05/15/87).
172 - DETAILING BILLING VOUCHER NO. 883826 (Dkt'd 05/15/87).

09/03/86 173 Filed CJA Form #20 copy #5 appointing SELBY, MANTON L as
attorney for defendant (JUDGE PECKHAM) (Dkt'd 05/15/87).
174 Filed CJA Form #20 copy #5 appointing SELBY, MANTON L as
attorney for defendant (Dkt'd 05/15/87).

09/12/86 175 - LETTER FROM DEFT TO JUDGE PECKHAM (Dkt'd 05/15/87).

09/15/86 176 Filed CJA Form #21 copy #2 Authorization & Voucher for
Expert or Other Services (FRED ROSENTHAL) (JUDGE PECKHAM)
(Dkt'd 05/15/87).
177 Filed CJA Form #21 copy #2 Authorization & Voucher for
Expert or Other Services (INSTITUTE OF FORENSIC SCIENCES)
(JUDGE PECKHAM) (Dkt'd 05/15/87).
178 - GOVERNMENT MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT OF 4243 COMMITMENT OF
DEFENDANT (Dkt'd 05/15/87).

09/17/86 179 Minute sheet filed (C/R ROBERTA ROGERS) (JUDGE PECKHAM)
(Dkt'd 05/15/87).

09/18/86 180 - LETTER FROM DR. D. STEIN TO JUDGE PECKHAM (Dkt'd
05/15/87).

09/22/86 181 - EX PARTE MOTION FOR ORDER TO RETURN SEIZED PROPERTY AND
FOR INJUNCTIVE RELIEF WITH CASE CITATION (Dkt'd 05/15/87).

09/24/86 182 Order filed (COMMITMENT ORDER UNDER 18:U.S.C.4243(E))
(JUDGE PECKHAM) (Dkt'd 05/15/87).

10/02/86 183 - PETITION FOR WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS RELEASE FROM CUSTODY
WITH CASE CITATIONS. (Dkt'd 05/15/87).

10/22/86 184 Filed CJA Form #24 copy #3 Authorization & Voucher for
Payment of Transcript (C/R ROBERTA ROGERS) (JUDGE PECKHAM)
(Dkt'd 05/15/87).

10/27/86 185 Notice filed (NOTICE OF CHANGE OF ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE.)
(Dkt'd 05/15/87).
186 - LETTER FROM DEFT TO CLERK RAY XAVIER (Dkt'd 05/15/87).

10/28/86 187 Filed CJA Form #20 copy #5 appointing SELBY, MANTON L as
attorney for defendant (Dkt'd 05/15/87).

07/31/86 154 Minute sheet filed (JUDGE PECKHAM) (Dkt'd 05/15/87).
Trial held-jury (Counts 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12-13,14)
(JUDGE PECKHAM) (Dkt'd 05/15/87).
155 - TRIAL TITLE SHEET (Dkt'd 05/15/87).
156 Filed subpoena (s) returned executed (WANDA GRIGGS) (Dkt'd
05/15/87).
157 Filed jury instructions (Dkt'd 05/15/87).
158 - NOTES FROM THE JURY (Dkt'd 05/15/87).
159 Jury verdict of not guilty (Counts 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,
12-13,14) (ONLY BY REASON OF INSANITY) (JUDGE PECKHAM)
(Dkt'd 05/15/87).

08/01/86 160 Order filed (JUDGMENT AND COMMITMENT ORDER ON NOT GUILTY BY
REASON OF INSANITY ENTERED 8/1/86.) (JUDGE PECKHAM) (Dkt'd
05/15/87).

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I, COY PHELPS, certify under penalty of perjury, pursuant to 28 USC 1746, that I placed a copy of this action into separate correctly addressed envelopes, affixed with proper and adequate first-class U.S. Postage, and deposited the pre-paid envelopes into the prison mail-box, or gave the pre-paid envelopes to a prison official, on the date indicated below, to be delivered to the following:

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